

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 3041

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served June 19, 1987

Application of GOLD LINE, INC.,)
for Temporary Authority -- Regular)
Route)

Case No. AP-87-14

By application filed June 12, 1987, Gold Line, Inc., seeks temporary authority to transport passengers between the Prince George's County/Charles County line and Washington, D.C. over a regular route as follows:

INBOUND

From the Prince George's County/Charles County, Md., line at U.S. Route 301 over U.S. Route 301 to Md. Route 5, then over Md. Route 5 to Interstate 95, then over Interstate 95 to Interstate 295, then over Interstate 295 to 11th Street Bridge, Washington, D.C., then over 11th Street Bridge to M Street, S.E., then over M Street, S.E. and S.W., to Maine Avenue, S.W., then over Maine Avenue, S.W., to Seventh Street, S.W., then over Seventh Street, S.W. and N.W., to Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., then over Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., to 11th Street, N.W., then over 11th Street, N.W., to K Street, N.W., then over K Street, N.W., to 20th Street, N.W., then over 20th Street, N.W., to M Street, N.W., then over M Street, N.W., to 21st Street, N.W., then over 21st Street, N.W., to Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., then over Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., to 19th Street, N.W., then over 19th Street, N.W., to E Street, N.W., serving all intermediate points and serving the Naval Research Laboratory as an off-route point.

OUTBOUND

From 20th and E Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C., over 20th Street, N.W., to K Street, N.W., then over K Street, N.W., to 11th Street, N.W., then over 11th Street, N.W., to Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., then over Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., to 7th Street, N.W., then over 7th Street, N.W. and S.W., to Maine Avenue,

S.W., then over Maine Avenue, S.W., to M Street, S.W., then over M Street, S.W. and S.E., to 11th Street Bridge, then over 11th Street Bridge to Interstate 295, then over Interstate 295, to Interstate 95, then over Interstate 95 to Md. Route 5, then over Md. Route 5 to U.S. 301, then over U.S. 301 to Prince George's County/Charles County, Md., Line; serving all intermediate points and serving the Naval Research Laboratory as an off-route point.

Gold Line proposes to operate three trips inbound and three trips outbound each day excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays. Inbound buses are scheduled to depart T.B. Junction (junction of Md. Route 5 and Brandywine Road, Prince George's County, Md.) at 6 a.m., 6:30 a.m., and 7:20 a.m. and to arrive at 19th and E Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C., at 7:10 a.m., 7:50 a.m., and 8:40 a.m., respectively. Outbound buses would be scheduled to depart 20th and E Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. at 3:50 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 5:20 p.m., and to arrive at T.B. Junction at 4:48 p.m., 5:47 p.m., and 6:23 p.m. The fare for persons boarding at T.B. Junction would be \$10 for one round-trip and \$40 for five round-trips. No one-way fares would be available. No other fares are specified. The proposed operations would be offered in four of Gold Line's 47-passenger coaches. These vehicles are all MC-8's or MC-9's, model years 1975-1987.

With its application Gold Line submitted a balance sheet dated December 31, 1986; an operating statement for the 12 months ended December 31, 1986; and a projection of revenues from the proposed service for the first 12 months of operations. The balance sheet indicated total assets of \$4,502,000; current liabilities of \$1,655,000; long term liabilities of \$3,248,000; and retained earnings of \$401,000. During calendar year 1986, Gold Line had revenues from all operations of \$9,078,000 and corresponding expenses of \$9,249,000 resulting in a net operating loss of \$171,000. For calendar year 1987, Gold Line projects revenues of \$10,145,000, of which \$20,000 would be derived from the proposed operations, and total expenses, unallocated as between types of service, of \$9,965,000. Comparing projections for 1987 with and without the proposed service, Gold Line estimates net operating income from the proposed service to be \$7,000.

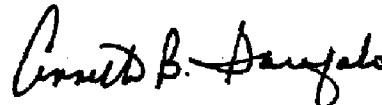
Gold Line holds WMATC Certificate No. 14. In its statement of immediate and urgent need applicant states that, pursuant to emergency temporary authority from the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC), it is currently transporting passengers between points in Charles County, Md., and Washington, D.C., via a route traversing the route for which it here seeks authority. According to Gold Line it was granted emergency temporary authority by the ICC in order to provide a replacement commuter service for the service of J&J Bus Service when J&J's service was ordered terminated due to its failure to comply with the safety requirements of the United States Department of

Transportation. It is Gold Line's belief that communities in Prince George's County along its existing route have an immediate and urgent need for authorized commuter service between their homes and places of employment in Washington, D.C., inasmuch as the only commuter service heretofore available, also that of J&J, has been terminated by this Commission for failure to meet safety standards. */ Gold Line states that it is willing and able to meet the immediate and urgent need for commuter service at the points and within the areas that would be served by the proposed route.

The standards for temporary authority are set forth in the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 4(d)(3). The essential elements are (1) an immediate and urgent need for service, (2) no carrier capable of meeting such need, and (3) fitness of the applicant. This order will provide notice of this application and a brief time will be provided for the filing of protests, if any. No extension of time will be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that any person desiring to protest this application shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule No. 14 at the office of the Commission, 1625 I Street, N.W., #316, Washington, D.C. 20006, no later than Monday, June 29, 1987, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on applicant's attorney, William F. King, Esquire, 4669 Kenmore Avenue, Suite 1018, Alexandria, Va. 22304.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



Annette B. Garofalo
Acting Executive Director

*/ Rodgers E. Johnson trading as J&J Bus Service formerly held WMATC Certificate No. 39 authorizing transportation similar to that at issue in this application. That certificate was revoked for willful failure to comply with lawful Commission orders, rules, and regulations, including safety regulations.